



**Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks**

Montana Fishing Regulations 2006 Addendum

By order of the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission, the seasons, limits, and regulations listed in the 2006 fishing regulations AND the corrections/clarifications listed herein are valid through the last day of February, 2007.

General Regulations

Paddlefish License – Page 6

Resident: \$6.50

Bait Fish Seining: Commercial Harvest – Page 7

Contact regional FWP offices for a Bait Fish Seining License and a list of waters open to commercial seining: \$10 fee.

A bait fish seining license is required:

- For persons 15 years of age and older to seine for and transport bait fish for commercial purposes in Montana;
- For any person who seines for and has in his/her possession more than 24 dozen nongame bait fish.

Nongame bait fish (except carp, goldfish and rainbow smelt) may be harvested commercially and transported in accordance with Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) Section 12.7.201-12.7.206. Live bait fish or leeches may not be imported into Montana for commercial or other purposes unless authorized by FWP. Bait fish may not be exported without FWP authorization. Call 406-452-6181 or go online at fwp.mt.gov for more information.

Motorboat and Vessel Restrictions – Page 10

Sailboats 12 feet long and longer, and all motorboats and personal watercraft must be registered and numbered. Non-motorized sailboats less than 12 feet long and manually propelled boats, regardless of length, are exempt from registration and taxation. Also exempt are a vessel's lifeboat, government-owned boats, and properly registered boats from out-of-state or country that will not be in Montana for more than 90 consecutive days.

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Western Fishing District

Lake Koocanusa 🐟 – Page 33,

See page 11 in the 2006 Fishing Regulations for information on Sport Fish Consumption Guidelines.

- Closed to burbot (ling) fishing January 15 to March 1.
- Salmon: 35 daily and 70 in possession.
- Bull trout: 1 daily and in possession from **June 1 through February 28**, maximum of 2 fish per license year. Catch-and-release the rest of the year. A Lake Koocanusa Bull Trout Catch Card must be in possession when fishing for bull trout; see Special Licenses requirements for application information. All bull trout must be released immediately or killed and counted as your limit when harvest is allowed. It is unlawful to possess a live bull trout for any reason.

Central Fishing District

Bighorn River – Page 54

entire river

- No Change. Refer to the 2006 Fishing Regulations for specific regulations.

Afterbay Dam to cable 600 feet downstream and downstream from Bighorn FAS

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cable 600 feet below Afterbay Dam to Bighorn FAS

- Open entire year.
- Combined Trout: 5 brown trout daily and in possession, only 1 over 18 inches. Catch-and-release for rainbow trout, except anglers 14 years of age and younger may take 1 rainbow trout daily **and in possession, any size**.
- Artificial lures only.

Marias River – Page 63

- Open entire year downstream from the I-15 Bridge.
- Sauger/Walleye: 5 daily only 1 may be a sauger. Possession limit is 10, only 2 may be sauger. All fish must be kept whole, gills and entrails may be removed, until you are off the water and done fishing for the day. See Statewide Regulations for transport requirements.
- Combined Trout: 5 daily and in possession, only 1 over 18 inches.
- Hook and Line/Setlines: 2 lines with up to 2 hooks per line all year.
- Whitefish: 35 daily and in possession.

Eastern Fishing District

Standard Daily and Possession Limits – Page 80

Catfish – 20 daily and in possession.

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